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Form Letter No. 98.

Subject: Fourth Annual English Declamatory
and Short-Story Writing Contest.

To : Superintendents of Schools.

The above contest shall be held this year as follows:

- Sectional Contests -

Sect. 1 - May 17 - At Carolina, including the following
districts: San Juan, Bayamón, Caguas,
Río Piedras, Río Grande, Comerío, Loíza,
Carolina.

" 2 - " 18 - At Toa Alta, including: Arecibo, Vega Baja,
Camuy, Ciales, Utuado, Corozal, Manatí,
Toa Alta.

" 3 - " 19 - At Aguada, including: Aguadilla, Isabela,
Lares, San Sebastián, Aguada.

" 4 - " 20 - At Añasco, including: Mayaguez, San Germán,
Maricao, Cabo Rojo, Añasco.

" 5 - " 23 - At Adjuntas, including: Ponce, Yauco, Coamo,
Guayanilla, Juana Diaz, Adjuntas.

" 6 - " 24 - At Arroyo, including: Guayama, Aibonito,
Salinas, Cayey, Orocovis, Arroyo.

" 7 - " 25 - At Naguabo, including: Humacao, Juncos,
Tajardo, Yabucoa, San Lorenzo, Vieques,
Naguabo.

- Insular Contest -

May 27 - At Mayaguez.

- Regulations -

The same as for previous contests, with the following
slight changes, viz:

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1- Both the Declamatory and the Short-Story writing Contests shall be open to bona-fide pupils of either the seventh or the eighth grade only. Entrants must have been enrolled in the schools they represent since not later than the first day of school of the second semester.

2- There will be but one entrant and one substitute for each contest, no entrant being allowed to participate in both contests.

3- Participants in any of the three previous contests shall not be allowed to take part in this year's contests.

4- Judges shall be appointed by the Director General of Elementary Urban Schools. Two names shall be suggested by each superintendent of schools not later than May 1.

5- The superintendent of schools at districts where the sectional and insular contests are held may include any other numbers in their respective contest programs which they feel will add interest to the occasion.

6- The same process of selecting participants is recommended as for previous contests, namely, room and town try-outs.

7- Entries shall be sent in in duplicate directly to the Department of Education, showing the name of the entrant, the grade in which he is enrolled, the date of his enrollment, the school and the town.

8- Entries shall be due May 10.

Some Suitable Selections For
- Pupils of the Seventh and Eighth Grades -

1- Edgar Allan Poe: The Raven - The Bells

2- John Greenleaf Whittier: Summer by the Lakeside
Maud Muller
The Barefoot Boy
The Last Walk in Autumn
The Garrison of Cape Ann
The Double-Headed Snake of Newbury
Snow-Bound (selection)

3- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow:

The Skeleton in Armor
The Arsenal at Springfield
Evangeline (selection)
The Song of Hiawatha (selection)
The Courtship of Miles Standish (selection)
Paul Revere's Ride
The Sicilian's Tale
The Musician's Tale
The Birds of Killingworth
Divina Commedia

4- Oliver Wendell Holmes:

The Music-Grinders
On Lending a Punch-Bowl
The Stethoscope Song
Meeting of the Alumni of Harvard College

5- walt Whitman: There Was a Child Went Forth
The Centenarian's Story6- Richard Henry Stoddard: Vates Patriae

7- "Joaquin" Miller:

The Last Taschastas
Kit Carson's Ride
The Sioux Chief's Daughter
Adios

8- Richard Hovey: Spring - The Call of the Bugles9- William Vaughn Moody: The Menagerie10- Theodore O'Hara: Bivouac of the Dead11- J. R. Drake: The American Flag12- Alphonse Daudet: The Last Lesson (prose)13- Sir Walter Scott: Hunting Song14- Robert Southey: The Battle of Blenheim15- Andrew Lang: Joan of Arc (selection)16- Henry W. Longfellow: The Bell of Atri17- Robert Browning: The pied Piper of Hamelin

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- 18- James Nack: Here She Goes - And There She Goes
- 19- Eben Eugene Rexford: The Light on Deadman's Bar
- 20- Henry W. Longfellow: Hiawatha's Sailing (selection)
- 21- Lewis Carroll: The Walrus and the Carpenter
- 22- Robert Browning: Hervé Riel
- 23- Alfred Tennyson: Dora
- 24- Henry Glassford Bell: Mary Queen of Scots
- 25- Robert Lowell: The Relief of Lucknow
- 26- Robert Browning: How They Brought the Good News from Ghent to Aix
- 27- Anonymous: The Battle of Bunker Hill
John Burns of Gettysburg
The Coming Struggle
- 28- Terence V. Powderly: Knights of Labor
- 29- Edward Everett Hale: The Man Without a Country (prose - selection)
- 30- Morris Sheppard: Eulogy on Washington
- 31- Franklin Knight Lane: The Unconquerable Soul (prose)
- 32- John H. Finley: The Thirtieth Man (prose)
- 33- Chauncey Depew: Liberty Enlightening the World (prose)
- 34- Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews: The Perfect Tribute (prose)
- 35- Henry W. Grady: The Homes of the People (prose)
- 36- Theodore Roosevelt: Americanism (prose)
- 37- James Montgomery Peck: The Laurels of a Mother (prose)
- 38- John W. Daniel: At the Dedication of the Washington Monument (prose)
- 39- Patrick Henry: Speech Before the Virginia Convention (prose)
- 40- Samuel Smith Drury: My Country (prose)
- 41- Elijah Kellogg: Spartacus to the Gladiators (prose)
- 42- Author Unknown: Independence Bell

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The above selections, as well as many other shorter ones suitable for grades five and six, will be found in the following books:

- 1- Selections for Public Speaking - Procter and Stroop
Charles Scribner's Sons - New York, N. Y.
- 2- Platform Pieces - Books I and II - Henry Gaines Hawn
D. C. Heath and Company - New York, N. Y.
- 3- The Open Door to Poetry - Anne Stokes
Charles Scribner's Sons - New York, N. Y.
- 4- Everyday Classics - Fifth and Seventh Readers -
Baker and Thorndike - The Macmillan
Company - New York, N. Y.
- 5- American Poetry - Edited by Percy H. Boynton -
Charles Scribner's Sons - New York, N. Y.

Very truly yours,

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per (Signed)

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Director General of
Elementary Urban Schools

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